

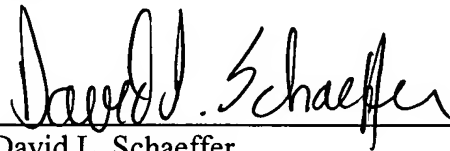
REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment Applicants have presented a new abstract. That abstract reflects claim 1, and no new matter has been added. Claims 1 and 35 are independent.

No fees are believed to be owed in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees now or hereafter due to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of this application is respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David L. Schaeffer", is written over a horizontal line.

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